

OSU Malaysian Drum Troupe

M24D uses 24 sets of Chinese lion drums and drummers to create a percussion ensemble that plays a Malaysian-Chinese style music. Established in 2003, the group of OSU students was recognized as the first and only festive drum team in the United States.

Also known as 24 Seasons of Festive Drum, the ensemble performs at OSU's homecoming and at sporting events, including a performance during a 2010 NBA half time show. Their performance in the professional sports arena earned them international acclaim from the Asia Week Magazine. M24D also performed at the Midwest Olympics hosted by the U.S. Malaysia Higher Education Department at Southern Illinois University.

Sponsored by Dr. Lee Bird and the International Scholar Office, two drummers attended the 2nd Annual International Invitation of 24 Festive Drum held on September 15, 2012, in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, the birthplace of the festive drum. In the summer of August 2014 the Drum Team is hoping to return to Johor Malaysia for the 3rd Annual international Invitation of Festive Drum. The team is searching for sponsorship for its members, and they are also looking for paid performances in order to get funding to go to Malaysia.